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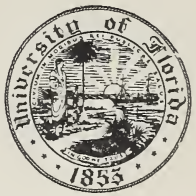

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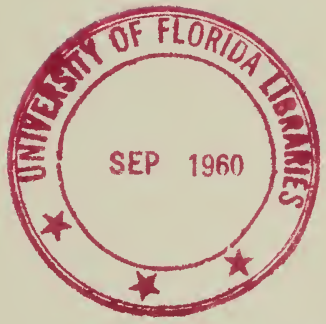

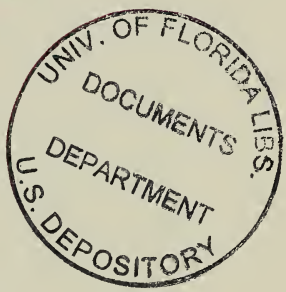

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Biography

Russell Vernon Mack was born in Hillman, Montmorency County, Mich., June 13, 1891; moved with his parents to Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Wash., in 1895; attended the public schools, Stanford University of California in 1913 and 1914, and the University of Washington at Seattle in 1914 and 1915; joined the Aberdeen (Wash.) Daily World in 1913 as a cub reporter and was business manager 1920–1934; during the First World War served as a corporal in the Thirty-ninth Field Artillery, Thirteenth Division; owner and publisher of the Hoquiam Daily Washingtonian 1934–1950; elected as a Republican to the Eightieth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Fred B. Norman; reelected to the Eighty-first and to the five succeeding Congresses and served from June 7, 1947, until his death on the floor of the United States House of Representatives, Washington, D.C., March 28, 1960; interment in Fern Hill Cemetery, Aberdeen, Wash.

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Proceedings in the House

MONDAY, *March 28, 1960.*

Mr. PELLY. Mr. Speaker, I offer a resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. Res. 489

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable RUSSELL V. MACK, a Representative from the State of Washington.

Resolved, That a committee of six Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the resolution.

The resolution was agreed to.

The SPEAKER. The Chair appoints to the funeral committee the following Members: Messrs. Horan, Tollefson, Magnuson, Pelly, Westland, and Mrs. May.

The Clerk will report the remainder of the resolution.

The Clerk read as follows:

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 16 minutes p.m.) the House adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 29, 1960, at 12 o'clock noon.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

TUESDAY, *March 29, 1960.*

The Chaplain, Rev. Bernard Braskamp, D.D., offered the following prayer:

Luke 4: 40: *Why are ye so fearful? Where is your faith?*

Almighty God, whose mercies outnumber all our necessities, we are coming unto Thee constrained by Thy love, beseeching us to believe that Thou art willing and able to supply us with every needed blessing for each new day.

Fill our minds and hearts with a more vivid and vital faith for we humbly confess that in our daily thoughts and life we so frequently allow it to become deleted of its wonder and diluted of its power.

Grant that amid the yearnings of our troubled world and the tangle of human affairs we may be confident that beyond the dark clouds, which veil our vision, the sun of righteousness is still shining and Thy mighty purposes are working and being fulfilled.

We are remembering with grateful affection Thy servant, one of our colleagues, who has departed this life and answered the highest of all calls to dwell with Thee in eternal blessedness, having rendered many years of able and devoted service to our beloved country. Bless the members of his bereaved family with the assurance of Thy nearness and the consolation of Thy grace.

Hear us in Christ's name. Amen.

A message from the Senate by Mr. McGown, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed the following resolution:

SENATE RESOLUTION 296

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Honorable RUSSELL V. MACK, late a Representative from the State of Washington.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, at the conclusion of its business today, the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourn until 10 o'clock ante meridiem tomorrow.

Remarks by Representative Pelly

Of Washington

Mr. PELLY. Mr. Speaker, it is not necessary, of course, to tell the Members of the House that we have just had a very shocking and very sad loss when our colleague, the gentleman from Washington [Mr. MACK], a few moments ago, suddenly, while answering the quorum call, passed away. I know those of us of the Washington delegation at this time are hardly able to express ourselves. RUSSELL MACK was very close to us; we were all deeply devoted to him. In fact, last night I met him at dinner. He seemed to be well. Mrs. Mack was with him. They were happy. We all have to go and, certainly, no one could have gone more quickly and easily. But, when I think of the many useful years that our dear friend could have lived, it is very difficult to reconcile death at a time like this.

RUSSELL MACK came to the Congress before I did. I know when I came here in the 83d Congress there were many Members who are sitting here now who then already had learned to admire him and others since then have come to regard him highly. I know in the Committee on Public Works he was very active. He was the second ranking member of the committee, and was certainly as able and highly respected as anyone on that committee.

RUSSELL MACK was a newspaperman. He had an unusual ability to deal in facts. Because he demonstrated accuracy and a keen and sound business judgment before coming to Congress, he was inivited into a position of management and ownership of a newspaper. Both in this way and as a reporter and writer he was unusually successful.

The Members of this House need not be reminded of RUSSELL MACK's same characteristic in his legislative work. He debated vigorously but he never departed from the facts. He was extremely well informed and certainly held the

respect and admiration of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the highest degree.

His sense of humor, kindliness, and zest for information endeared him to us. He loved his fellow men. He never said an unkind word about anyone that I ever heard, and his friends are manifold. This day is a sad day. Everywhere RUSSELL MACK is known there will be sadness and sorrow on account of his many friends' profound loss.

However, Mr. Speaker, the real tragedy is to the Nation, State, and people of the Third Congressional District of Washington which our friend served so faithfully and well. The loss of his wisdom and years of experience cannot be readily replaced. No one was more conscientious in the performance of his duties and responsibilities of office. No one was more able in carrying them out.

If I may be personal, as I think it proper at a time like this, I want in tribute to my friend and colleague to acknowledge his help to me and assistance during my four terms here. I always sought his advice and will always remain indebted to him for his help.

It is not easy to find one's words and thoughts on the heels of such a sudden shock. It comes to me, nevertheless, that his wife, Laura, to whom he was so devoted, will be left almost alone. There are no children and the close companionship of the years is shattered. My heart goes out to the wife he loved so dearly. But she will in time have her fine memories of a wonderful man. And while there can be no comparison, we who served with her husband will also cherish our memories, too.

May the good Lord ease her anguish and give her strength to endure—as all who are left must endure.

A fine American, a fine legislator, a fine husband, and truly a person of great and good character has gone to his rest. Yes, Mr. Speaker, and not without performing tasks of service worthy to be remembered. In the days ahead, we will indeed remember—a greater tribute I have not words to give at this time, only lips and the tone of my voice must convey the respect and devotion of my heart.

Remarks by Representative Westland

Of Washington

Mr. WESTLAND. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of RUSSELL MACK has shocked and saddened us all. Those of us from the State of Washington and other Members who knew him well all learned to respect and honor him. RUSSELL MACK was my friend—a very dear friend. When I first came to the House in 1953 RUSS was one of the first to offer me a helping hand. Since then, through our years in the House together I have many times sought his advice and counsel. It was always freely given.

RUSSELL was known throughout the State of Washington for his keen sense of humor and his sincere devotion to the people of his district. As might be expected, RUSS passed away in the performance of his Congressional duties—duties which he always performed to the best of his great abilities. The people of the Third Congressional District have lost a true friend and a mighty champion.

Mr. Speaker, into each of our lives there comes on occasion a man whose qualities and virtues are such as to make him stand out and present a standard to whom others might repair. RUSSELL MACK was such a man. He will long be remembered in the councils of the Congress.

Mrs. Westland joins me in offering our profound and heartfelt sympathies to Mrs. Mack.

Remarks by Representative Horan

Of Washington

Mr. HORAN. Of course this comes as a complete shock to me. I did not know RUSSELL until he came to Congress, but through the years I have developed a very deep affection for him. In fact, his wife, my wife, Mrs. Eleanor Smith, RUSSELL, and myself went to dinner last night where we were joined by the gentleman from Washington [Mr. Pelly]. We had a splendid evening. RUSSELL appeared to be in good health.

RUSSELL MACK was a man of tremendous dependence, and tremendous affection for those things in which he believed. He was a stalwart among us. He was greatly revered in the Committee on Public Works, where he did yeoman service.

This comes as a tremendous shock, not only to myself but to my wife, including our entire family, who have learned through the years to know him and to love him.

RUSSELL was a native of Michigan. He moved with his parents to Aberdeen, Grays Harbor County, Wash., in 1895 when he was 4 years old. He grew up in this area when it was, as now, part of the great lumbering industry of the West. RUSSELL attended the public schools in the Grays Harbor area, and attended Stanford University in California and the University of Washington. He began his work in the publishing industry in 1913, interrupted only by his college attendance and service in the 39th Field Artillery, 13th Division, during World War I. RUSSELL is survived by his devoted wife, Laura, and to her the hearts of my wife and me and my entire family go out in this hour.

Remarks by Representative May

Of Washington

Mrs. MAY. Mr. Speaker, like the other Members of the delegation, under the stress of this moment, I find it very difficult to make a proper statement. The passing of RUSSELL MACK means a great personal loss. I am the freshman Member of the Washington State delegation, and, while RUSSELL MACK's friendship meant a great deal to me in the years before I came to Congress, the months I have served by his side as a colleague have meant even more. Everyone serving in this House realizes how valuable it is to have sound guidance and the advice of wisdom and experience in a freshman term. RUSSELL MACK was never too busy to take time from his heavy office and committee responsibilities to give me the kind of help and guidance that I needed. No one in this Congress could have had a better mentor, because he was honest, clear thinking, and devoted to his country and its best interests. The best epitaph I know for RUSSELL MACK is that he was a thoroughly good man. In this day of confused ethics, I think this is the finest tribute that can be paid to any man in public or private life. I have spoken of the personal loss I shall feel, along with all his many friends, but this loss will be overshadowed by an even greater one. Whenever this Nation loses a fine public servant with the stature and the ability and the character of RUSSELL MACK, it is an occasion for sorrow and regret on the part of all Americans. The greatest memorial we could have to the life of RUSSELL MACK is that it will serve as a beacon and a guide for those who come after him to serve their people and their country in public office.

Laura and RUSSELL MACK were a warm and devoted couple. If there can be any comfort at all for Laura Mack at this time of great loss, it will come from the knowledge that it

was her devotion and loyalty and friendly warmth that not only gave her husband great happiness in their married life, but helped sustain him and added to his accomplishments through the rigors of his public career.

Remarks by Representative Kearns

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. KEARNS. Mr. Speaker, I just happened to talk to the gentleman from Washington, RUSSELL V. MACK, in the foyer a few moments ago. He was looking fit. Then all at once, during the rollcall, he fell.

RUSSELL MACK has been a great credit to the State that he represents. The good people of his congressional district will find it difficult to find a man who will merit the respect as a statesman and have the integrity that RUSSELL MACK had.

Remarks by Representative Dixon

Of Utah

Mr. DIXON. I think it well at this time to insert in the Record the last words which our dear friend spoke. We were standing in line to answer the rollcall. Representative Hoffman came over, and I said, "Come over here and stand by Representative MACK, so you will be in good company." I said to Representative MACK, "It is a lovely day today, isn't it?" And he said, "Not to me." I was going to ask him why. And he said, "What is this quorum call all about?" He had not gotten the words out of his mouth before he fell over by Representative Jensen. There was not a struggle. He just passed on quietly, without any suffering whatever, or without any warning. It is a wonderful way for an individual to go; but, of course, it is hard for those who love him, his folks, and for us who were his colleagues.

We have been very close, and I have enjoyed very much the conversations we have had here together.

He was a great man, a man of principle, a man of honor, and the House has been blessed by his having served in this Chamber.

Remarks by Representative Wier

Of Minnesota

Mr. WIER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to express the feelings I am sure that will be expressed throughout the trade union movement and to speak of the friendship and respect I had for the gentleman who has been taken from us this afternoon.

I am sure the trade union movement as represented by unions throughout the country and I know especially by unions in the State of Washington, where they always held Congressman MACK in high esteem as a good loyal friend.

Congressman MACK was very loyal to the cause of working people of this country. He spoke for them and did everything in his power to be of assistance. That is the way I found him throughout my service with him here in the House.

His loss will indeed be their loss.

Remarks by Representative Arends

Of Illinois

Mr. ARENDS. Mr. Speaker, experiencing a shock such as this leaves one completely lost for words to express the depth of one's feelings. In the period RUSSELL MACK has been a Member of this Congress I became more and more impressed and inspired by him. He served on what is known as our Minority Whip organization. Never have I enjoyed working with anyone more than I did with RUSSELL MACK. We worked closely together. At all times he showed both ability and a willingness to cooperate in a common cause. Those attributes were ever present. He sought always to do that which was right.

RUSSELL MACK was one of the finest men I have been privileged to know. He served his district and his country well.

I am sure I speak not only for those on this side of the aisle but also for every Member of the House when I say that in the untimely passing of this fine man we have suffered the loss of a great representative of the people. His passing is a great loss to all of us—a loss beyond measure.

To his family I extend my most sincere sympathy. I am sure the Father of us all will comfort them in this sad hour in the knowledge that of RUSSELL MACK it can truly be said: "Well done, my good and faithful servant."

Remarks by Representative Brooks

Of Louisiana

Mr. BROOKS. Mr. Speaker, I knew RUSSELL MACK well. For years I have been associated with the development of the rivers and harbors of this Nation and with flood control. RUSSELL MACK was an important member of the Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives. We had occasion to invite him very often to our conventions in the lower Mississippi Valley. He frequently accepted the invitations to be with us and felicitate with us on those occasions.

We had occasion to call on him when he could help in flood control and river and harbor development that have done so much in the interest of the great masses of the people in the United States. RUSSELL MACK always responded to these requests for aid. In my judgment he was an able legislator. I am deeply, deeply saddened, Mr. Speaker, by his sudden and tragic death.

During the frequent contacts we have had with RUSSELL MACK we learned to know him and appreciate his fine character, tireless energy and outstanding ability. We in the lower Mississippi Valley which so often is hit by the storms and flood waters are going to miss his talents and his abilities.

Remarks by Representative Albert

Of Oklahoma

Mr. ALBERT. Mr. Speaker, I know I express the feelings of every Member of this House on both sides of the aisle when I say that we feel this loss and we feel it deeply. RUSSELL MACK came to answer a call of the House in line of duty, but he has answered a higher call.

Congressman MACK was one of our most stalwart, ever-dependable Members, an irreplaceable Member in this body.

I extend to his loved ones my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Van Zandt

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. VAN ZANDT. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of our colleague RUSSELL V. MACK removes from the House of Representatives one of its ablest and highly respected Members. With a fine newspaper background in his home State of Washington which covered the twin responsibilities of editing and publishing a daily newspaper, RUSSELL MACK came to the 80th Congress well equipped to meet the exacting duties of a Member of Congress.

It was my good fortune to have known RUSSELL for many years and during that period of time the bonds of friendship became stronger year by year. On many occasions I visited the Third Congressional District of Washington with the result that I learned from firsthand observation of the great esteem in which our departed colleague was held by his constituents. It is little wonder that he was elected every 2 years as a further expression of the confidence reposed in him by his neighbors and friends in his congressional district.

Here on the floor of the House RUSSELL MACK was greatly respected by Democrats and Republicans because he was a colleague of fine moral principles. Despite the fact that his stand on an issue may have been questioned by the opposing political party, our departed friend and colleague always respected the right of any Member to honestly differ with his convictions on any legislative measure. In short, he was a noble gentleman and a valued personal friend.

Because of RUSSELL MACK's great interest in the veteran population he will be sorely missed. As a past post commander of the American Legion veterans could depend upon their Comrade RUSSELL MACK to support legislation to provide that the disabled veteran and dependents of veterans would be assured adequate consideration by their Govern-

ment. He made use of his newspaper in publicizing veterans affairs and pleading the cause of those who, like him, served their country in military uniform.

Mrs. Van Zandt and I together with our son Jamie derived greater enjoyment on the annual congressional tour of New York City because RUSSELL MACK and his wife never missed the opportunity of joining us each year for the 3-day program. Their presence made the trip more enjoyable for the Van Zandt family and likewise for other Members and their families.

It is difficult to recover from the shock of the sudden manner in which RUSSELL MACK was removed from our midst. Therefore, it is realized that the depth of the sorrow that engulfed Mrs. Mack when apprised of her husband's demise proved overwhelming. Mrs. Van Zandt and our son Jamie join me in expressing our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Mack in the loss of a loving husband. We pray that God will comfort her and give her the courage and strength to bear her burden of grief in humble resignation to His divine will.

Remarks by Representative Chenoweth

Of Colorado

Mr. CHENOWETH. Mr. Speaker, I was deeply shocked and saddened today over the passing of our distinguished colleague from Washington, the Honorable RUSSELL MACK. I wish to extend my sincere sympathy to our colleagues from the State of Washington on the heavy loss they have sustained.

I recall when Mr. MACK came to the House and we formed a friendship which has continued over the years. I had a special interest in talking to him since at that time I had a brother living in his district. He has since passed away, but his widow still resides in Silver Creek, and has commented many times on the outstanding service Mr. MACK was rendering his people.

I liked RUSSELL MACK and I never heard of anyone who disliked him. He was always affable and had a pleasant word for everyone. I had great respect for his character and ability, and he was a most able Member of the House. I can easily understand why the voters of his district returned him to Congress each election with substantial majorities.

Mr. Speaker, the untimely passing of RUSSELL MACK is an irreparable loss, not alone to the people of his district and the State of Washington, but the entire country. We need more men like RUSSELL MACK in public life. I feel a very keen personal loss in his passing and I shall greatly miss him.

Mrs. Chenoweth joins me in extending our deep personal sympathy to Mrs. Mack in her bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Mack

Of Illinois

Mr. MACK. Mr. Speaker, I was shocked and saddened when death unexpectedly claimed the life of our colleague, RUSSELL MACK of the State of Washington.

Although we were of different political faiths, RUSSELL MACK was one of the first Members of the House to greet me when I came here in 1949. He had been elected in a special election in 1947.

RUSSELL MACK paid a visit to my office shortly after I became a Member of the House. He called to my attention the fact that until his own election the name of "Mack" had never appeared on a congressional rollcall. He remarked on the coincidence that the two Macks—of different political affiliation and from widely distant parts of the country—should be elected within such a short space of time. From that day forward, we were the best of friends and I treasured his friendship.

So it is with a deep sense of personal loss, Mr. Speaker, that I pay tribute this afternoon to our late colleague, for whom I had great respect, and to express my heartfelt sympathy to his family.

Remarks by Representative Burleson

Of Texas

Mr. BURLESON. Mr. Speaker, our departed colleague, RUSSELL V. MACK, and I came to the 80th Congress and were in the same freshman class. As all of you are aware, this somehow brings us a little closer together and causes us to have a bit more in common.

In addition to a long association, we had mutual friends in his congressional district, which created closer ties between us.

I know of no man in the House of Representatives who enjoyed more friends or who commanded a higher respect than RUSSELL V. MACK. I knew him to be devoted to duty and highly conscientious in all his actions.

Not only is it a personal loss of a friend, but I know it is a severe loss to the district he represented in the Congress, as well as the entire Nation.

RUSSELL'S wife, Laura, is also a dear personal friend of my family, and we want her to know we are thinking of her in her great loss and in her heartbreak.

Remarks by Representative Davis

Of Tennessee

Mr. DAVIS. Mr. Speaker, I do not know when I have been so shocked as I was just a few moments ago when my esteemed colleague on the Committee on Public Works, RUSSELL V. MACK, of the State of Washington, left us so suddenly. Indeed, he was about his congressional business and was on the floor of this House answering the last rollcall on earth and responded to the call from his Heavenly Father.

RUSSELL MACK, and his dear wife Laura, have long been my very warm friends. My wife and I have traveled with them great distances, and Laura and Carrie have been very close friends indeed. He has been in my congressional district, has ridden the steamboat *Mississippi*, the official boat of the Mississippi River Commission, from Memphis to New Orleans.

I know of no man in the House who has been more punctual or more attentive to his district. He could ever be depended upon in our Committee on Public Works to take a fair, but positive, position on all matters which came before us. He was a student, and a man who loved rendering service to his fellow man.

I have been fortunate to know many of the intimate stories of his early life. With some pride and considerable humor he told me that he cut meat for a butcher when a youngster, then went to work as a printer, and wound up owning newspapers. Successful in business and dedicated to public life, he leaves behind him an outstanding record of loyalty to country, to his State, and to his fellow man.

I extend my deepest sympathy, and that of my wife as well, to those he leaves behind.

Remarks by Representative O'Hara

Of Illinois

Mr. O'HARA. Mr. Speaker, with my colleagues I am stunned by the sudden passing in our presence of one for whom on both sides of the aisle was a real and deep affection. Since first I came to this body the friendship of RUSSELL MACK has meant very much to me, and I shall miss him. When I came to the 81st Congress RUSSELL MACK was a member of the Veterans' Committee and our common interest in the welfare of the Spanish-American War veterans, as well as those of other and later wars, drew us closely together. For the veterans of the war with Spain I truthfully can say that they never had a better or a truer friend in the Congress. RUSSELL MACK in every sense measured up to the highest qualities of manhood. His passing today during the calling of the roll has left us deep in grief. We are brought to the realization of the uncertainty of human life and that the friends who give warmth to our days soon may be the friends who live in the memory of other days and to that memory impart a living warmth. In my memory RUSSELL MACK will continue always to be a strengthening and vibrant part. To his fine wife and his family I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Green

Of Oregon

Mrs. GREEN. Mr. Speaker, the shock of the news of the demise of my friend and neighbor, RUSSELL V. MACK, has been great indeed.

Like every other Member of this House, I have known and admired RUSSELL MACK since coming to the House. But I feel a particular sense of loss since RUSSELL MACK'S congressional district lay directly across the Columbia River from my own and we were, in a very real sense, neighbors. The people of his district and the people of my own shared a great many problems and hopes and aspirations, and I found in the gentleman from Washington a very deep understanding of those problems.

The State of Washington and the people of his congressional district will miss him deeply. This House will miss his wisdom, his understanding, and his devotion to duty.

My sympathy, like the sympathy of us all, goes to his widow in this hour of her grief.

Remarks by Representative Gross

Of Iowa

Mr. GROSS. Mr. Speaker, with the Members of the House I was shocked and deeply moved this afternoon by the sudden death of our colleague, the Honorable RUSSELL V. MACK.

He was a legislator of courage and conviction, an able representative of his district and his State.

In the death of RUSSELL MACK the House of Representatives and the State of Washington have suffered a serious loss.

To his widow and other members of his family I wish to extend my heartfelt sympathy.

Remarks by Representative Porter

Of Oregon

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, RUSSELL MACK could disagree with you and yet not indulge in personal rancor. He was a genial, conscientious Member of Congress. He shared with me deep concern for the plywood industry and also for the cranberry growers. He shared with me a love for the Pacific Northwest. RUSSELL MACK was a friend we shall miss. I join our colleagues in extending deepest sympathy to his wife and family.

Remarks by Representative Libonati

Of Illinois

Mr. LIBONATI. Mr. Speaker, the death of the distinguished Congressman RUSSELL V. MACK, of the State of Washington, before our very eyes on the floor of the House of Representatives, only emphasizes the truths of life, "Little do we know what the next day will bring."

It seems that he was prepared for the inevitable when he stated just before his collapse that "Not for me," as a reply to Congressman Dixon's statement "How do you feel? Anyway, this is a fine day."

He was a splendid orator and truly a strong leader in advancing the Republican doctrine in the philosophy of government. He was unswerving in his party loyalties.

There was no question as to where he stood on issues. His forceful oratory was to the point. There was no misunderstanding as to his position.

You might not agree with his argument but you were forced to admit that he developed, logically, the ultimate conclusions that he advocated.

We have lost a great legislator and a dedicated American. His party has lost a strong leader in the cause of Republicanism.

I admired and liked this friendly man. He was considerate of others and loved to talk the time of day.

I enjoyed these little talks. I am proud to have known him, even if for a short time. To his darling wife I, a new friend, extend my heartfelt sympathy.

God took him at his work in a sacred place where other great men now gone, if they had the choice, would have liked to die.

Remarks by Representative Ostertag

Of New York

Mr. OSTERTAG. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely passing of our beloved colleague, RUSSELL MACK, comes to us as a severe shock and the country has lost one of our most devoted and able Representatives in Congress.

RUSSELL MACK has made an outstanding contribution to good government and the welfare of the American people during his tenure as a Representative from the State of Washington. He has made an enviable record; one that will long be remembered by those of us who have been privileged to be associated with him in the Congress of the United States. RUSSELL MACK won the respect and admiration of all who knew him and his devotion to duty was unexcelled. His constant and diligent concern for the needs of the people he represented was exceptionally noticeable and he gave unstintingly of his time and efforts in the service of his district and his Nation.

It was my privilege to know RUSSELL MACK, not only as a colleague and associate in the Congress, but as a warm personal friend as well. Mr. Speaker, I want to join with you and the Members of the House in extending heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Mack and to their family.

Remarks by Representative McIntire

Of Maine

Mr. McINTIRE. Mr. Speaker, the sudden passing of Congressman RUSSELL V. MACK of Washington removes from the House of Representatives one deeply loved by his colleagues. Congressman MACK came to the House of Representatives in 1947, just 3 years before I came to the House in the 82d Congress. Since that time I have had the privilege of his personal friendship. In view of his expert knowledge in the field of public works, I went to him on many occasions for counsel. He was always extremely friendly and very helpful. It was this wonderful characteristic that endeared him to every one of his colleagues. He served his district, State, and Nation with outstanding distinction.

Mrs. McIntire joins with me in extending our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mack. We shall always treasure our friendship with RUSSELL and Mrs. Mack.

Remarks by Representative Thornberry

Of Texas

Mr. THORNBERRY. Mr. Speaker, I am grieved over the loss of our colleague, the Honorable RUSSELL MACK, of Washington.

Since I first came to the Congress I have had the privilege of knowing Mr. MACK and having him as a friend. He and Mrs. Mack lived next door to us here in Washington, and we knew and affectionately regarded them as friends and neighbors. RUSSELL MACK was a good man.

He was truly a gracious and fine gentleman. During the 83d Congress I had occasion to consult him on a very difficult problem which existed in the congressional district which I am privileged to represent, and I never had anyone to treat me with more courtesy, consideration, and understanding than did he, and that was his attitude toward everyone with whom he came in contact.

All of us who have had the privilege of serving with him regarded him as a splendid and able Member of Congress. Along with the people whom he represented so well, we suffer the loss of a beloved and respected associate. To Mrs. Mack and his loved ones, Mrs. Thornberry and I extend our great sympathy and the hope that they will receive understanding and comfort in these difficult hours.

Remarks by Representative Auchincloss

Of New Jersey

Mr. AUCHINCLOSS. Mr. Speaker, when death visits us suddenly and without warning we are shocked and stand back in awe at its majesty. We naturally think of the stricken one and with sacred thoughts wonder what it all means. Such a condition encompassed us when RUSSELL MACK was stricken and summoned to his reward. But, my colleagues, I can testify that RUSSELL MACK had no fear of death. We had discussed it recently and I took much courage from his calm and deep faith in the knowledge that his Redeemer liveth.

In the past few years I got to know RUSSELL MACK well and I can testify with assurance to his high standards, to his hate for the false, and to his fearless outlook in life and its potentialities. He had a rich sense of humor which drew many men to him where they enjoyed the warmth of a friendship which was not of the ordinary kind. He had a keen feeling of responsibility to his constituents and to the problems which confronted him in his life of service; he was truthful and sincere in his approach and never resorted to cheap tricks or demagoguery. His Americanism was dynamic and with his unselfish spirit he stood out among men. As time passes we will appreciate more and more how great is his loss to his friends and the Nation, but the example he has set in his service among us will long endure.

I extend to his wife and loved ones my most sincere sympathy and may they have the solace of understanding, the peace of acceptance, and the deep and abiding comfort of faith.

Remarks by Representative Rogers

Of Massachusetts

Mrs. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, it would take not one minute but hundreds of minutes, yes, thousands of minutes to pay real tribute to the late Judge MACK of Washington, who passed away literally in our very midst on the floor of Congress yesterday. Certainly, no man ever lived who deserves more justly the undying gratitude of the veterans of our country than Judge MACK of Washington. Judge MACK served on our Committee on Veterans' Affairs when I was chairman of it and he was a constant help and inspiration. He was very successful in securing passage of legislation. Great of stature he was great in heart and kindliness. Wholesome and enthusiastic, he made people realize the power and possibilities of America. Nothing was too small for his interest.

When I first met Judge and Mrs. Mack on their arrival in Washington I rejoiced that we would have their friendship and understanding.

They were not interested just in their State of Washington—but in the world. They traveled all over the United States. Able and fearless, Judge MACK fought for his country in peace as he did as a soldier in World War I. He died in the service of America. Beautiful Mrs. Mack, his beloved wife, has the comfort of knowing she was always by his side leading him on. May God grant her solace. I mourn with her deeply and with the State of Washington and the Nation.

Remarks by Representative Evins

Of Tennessee

Mr. EVINS. Mr. Speaker, with a heart filled with sadness, I with others join in paying a brief but sincere tribute to our esteemed colleague and friend, the Honorable RUSSELL V. MACK of Washington. His passing was saddening and shocking to us all and evidence of the very transitory nature of life, indeed.

I admired RUSSELL MACK immensely and valued his friendship greatly. We came to the Congress together—both of us being Members of the class of the 80th Congress—and for a time our offices were adjoining. I learned to know RUSSELL MACK soon after coming to Congress and I always respected and admired him greatly. There was no more dedicated and devoted Member of the Congress than the gentleman from Washington. He was a conscientious and faithful representative of the people—of his district, State, and Nation.

Although we were of opposite political parties we cooperated on many matters, particularly in the area of public works—which he especially championed.

I know that my wife joins me in expressing sympathy to Mrs. Mack in her bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Jones

Of Alabama

Mr. JONES. Mr. Speaker, the death of my warm friend RUSSELL MACK of Washington has come as a great shock to me. RUSSELL MACK and I came to the 80th Congress together, and we became members of the House Public Works Committee at the same time in 1947. Throughout the years, we developed an intimate acquaintance.

RUSSELL MACK was a skillful legislator, patient and always objective. His reasoning was never disturbed by impulsiveness nor was it ever motivated from prejudice. He possessed the great attribute of leadership and was a man of refinement, poise, and warm demeanor. He always had a well-founded knowledge of the legislative matters that he dealt with, and this fact accounted for his capable leadership and legislative skill.

As a member of the House Public Works Committee, RUSSELL MACK labored continuously in support of legislation which has brought about the multibillion dollar development of the great Columbia River Valley in the Northwest. This multipurpose program means so much to the people of that area in terms of flood control navigation, power development, and conservation of the soil and forests. He has also effectively supported legislative measures for needed development of the rivers and harbors throughout the Nation. All of these splendid contributions will stand as a monument to his long and distinguished service on our committee and in this House.

RUSSELL MACK'S passing at this time is a source of profound shock, grief, and sorrow to all of us who knew him here. Indeed, a great statesman has passed from this scene. At this time, we pay our personal tribute to RUSSELL MACK

for his great legislative career, and we extend to his dear wife, Laura, our heartfelt sympathy and personally share with her in this great loss.

Remarks by Representative Younger

Of California

Mr. YOUNGER. Mr. Speaker, in the passing of RUSSELL V. MACK we have lost a very companionable colleague and a sincere, extremely capable legislator; and personally I have lost a close personal friend.

It has been my pleasure to have known RUSSELL MACK for many years. As a legislator he had the happy faculty of fighting hard for what he believed but never, even in the hottest debates, did he ever stoop to personal accusations.

He was a most unusual and extremely kind individual. In my legislative and social experience with him, I cannot recall ever hearing him pass an unkind remark about any individual. If he could not say something good about them, he kept his own counsel.

We are all saddened by this sudden taking of our colleague, and I wish to extend my personal sympathy to his bereaved wife, Laura.

Remarks by Representative Dague

Of Pennsylvania

Mr. DAGUE. Mr. Speaker, we stand with bowed heads in the presence of the Divine intervention which has taken from our midst a dedicated public servant and a stalwart friend in the person of RUSSELL MACK.

To have known RUSSELL MACK was to have enjoyed the rare privilege of his genial personality and the wealth of his years of experience in the field of public relations. To have served with him as a legislator was to have observed his conservative approach to the problems of the day and to have particularly noted the fine distinction he made between those areas that are best served by the Federal Government and the States, respectively.

RUSSELL MACK was a stanch defender of our American way of life and a prime advocate of States rights. His continuing concern was always related to preserving the dignity of the United States within the commonwealth of nations and within that framework to see that the Congress remained truly the voice of the people.

We shall greatly miss this stalwart defender of freedom and truth and our heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who are left to mourn his untimely passing. May our heavenly Protector wrap these bereaved ones in the mantle of His divine care and may they be assured that their beloved now rests on a sunnier shore, there to greet them when they too have crossed over.

Remarks by Representative Dooley

Of New York

Mr. DOOLEY. Mr. Speaker, the passing of RUSSELL V. MACK, the distinguished Representative from Washington, who came to the Congress 12 years ago, was a sad event for all who knew him.

It was my privilege to serve with him on the Public Works Committee of the House. His knowledge of committee affairs, combined with his amicable approach to all problems before that body, made him an invaluable asset. The effectiveness of his work and the benefits of his judgment helped motivate much of the legislation for which the Public Works Committee was largely responsible.

RUSS MACK, besides being a remarkably fine Member of the Congress, informed, articulate and persuasive, was to me a cherished friend.

Broad in his outlook, generous in his sentiments, and possessed of a gentle kindness, it was a pleasure to be in his company.

Mrs. Dooley and I spent many hours and days with RUSS MACK and his charming wife, and those days shall ever be remembered.

We share her grief in RUSSELL'S untimely death. The Congress and the country have lost a rare man.

Remarks by Representative St. George

Of New York

Mrs. ST. GEORGE. Mr. Speaker, I want to add my tribute to the many others paid to my friend and colleague, RUSSELL V. MACK, of Washington.

RUSSELL MACK came to the Congress shortly after I did, so I have known him for nigh on 14 years. He was in every way a good Congressman, hard working, careful and fair to all the people of his district, and speaking only on the subjects he knew and on which he had all the facts.

I went once to RUSSELL MACK's district and was deeply impressed by the sincere regard and affection in which he was held by his constituents, their grief and sense of loss at his passing will be very great indeed. To Mrs. Mack and his bereaved family I want to send my heartfelt sympathy in these tragic hours, and hope that they may find some consolation in the thought that he died at his post doing his duty for our country.

Remarks by Representative Magnuson

Of Washington

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. Speaker, all of us here in the House of Representatives have been saddened by the sudden and unexpected death yesterday, here on this floor, of our colleague from the State of Washington, the Honorable RUSSELL V. MACK.

Naturally, those of us from his own State feel that we knew him best, although his friends indeed were legion. We knew him as a conscientious and hardworking representative of the people of his district and State, and yet one capable of the longer view which places the welfare of the Nation as a whole above sectional and political considerations. This, after all, is the ultimate test of a good public servant.

Mr. MACK served 13 years in this body, always with strong dedication to duty. Despite the seriousness with which he approached his work here, he was in personal relationships easygoing and outgiving, which in part explains the host of friends he acquired here and back home during his lifetime. I say in part, because the basis of an unusually high number of lasting friendships always must be the recognition of an innate strength of character, the capacity for making people instinctively know that here is a good man.

Mr. MACK had that capacity, and we who live on say today: "A good man is gone."

If he had to go, we are grateful that his passing came without prolonged pain, but this does not still the voice of sorrow within us, his friends.

Mrs. Magnuson joins me in expressing heartfelt sympathy to his devoted wife, Laura, and to the other members of their family.

Remarks by Representative Sikes

Of Florida

Mr. SIKES. Mr. Speaker, this is a very sad day for the Congress. A distinguished and beloved colleague has been struck down in the discharge of his duties. The strain and pressure under which each of us must work has produced many such casualties in our midst over the years. Others of our colleagues have also paid with their lives after leaving the Halls of Congress for their devotion to the duties imposed upon us. Others have paid in broken health as a result of their service to the Nation.

Our colleague, RUSSELL MACK, was a man easy to know and to admire. He was sound in his views and in his principles. His service here was capable and constructive. His was a loyal and dedicated work which benefited all the Nation.

My earnest sympathy is extended to his widow and his family.

Remarks by Representative Hoeven

Of Iowa

Mr. HOEVEN. Mr. Speaker, I was present when my good friend RUSSELL V. MACK passed into the Great Beyond. This is an experience I shall not soon forget.

It has been a rare privilege and a pleasure for me to have served in the Congress with RUSSELL MACK for so many years. I learned to admire and respect him more and more each day. I shall miss him very much in the days that lie ahead.

RUSSELL MACK was a fine legislator who constantly had the welfare of his constituents and his country in mind. He was a true patriot and a great American. He served well his day and generation.

Remarks by Representative Buckley

Of New York

Mr. BUCKLEY. Mr. Speaker, the sudden and untimely death of our distinguished colleague RUSSELL MACK, of the State of Washington, has shocked and saddened me. Thus it is with a profound feeling of sorrow that I utter these few words in praise of a fine Congressman and an outstanding citizen.

RUSSELL MACK and I were associated as members of the Committee on Public Works since he first entered the Congress in 1947. Over the years I grew to know him and to learn by daily contact with him in committee work and on the House floor his ability as a legislator, but more important his fine qualities as a person and a man.

He was one of the outstanding members of the Public Works Committee of which I now have the honor to be chairman. RUSSELL MACK had the keen mind of a trained newspaperman. He had a firm grasp of the many and varied problems that were presented to the committee, and his contribution to the legislation that was reported out of the committee was an invaluable one.

RUSSELL MACK was a warm human being with a faculty for adding to the enjoyment of the life of all those who had the privilege of coming in contact with him. He will be missed.

Thus it is with a deep sense of personal grief that I pay tribute today to my late colleague, for whom I held the highest respect, and express my heartfelt sympathy to his family in their great loss.

Remarks by Representative Curtis

Of Missouri

Mr. CURTIS. Mr. Speaker, I join with the other Members of this House in their shock and sorrow at the death of the late Representative RUSSELL MACK. His sincere hard work in nearly 13 years in which he represented the people of southwestern Washington earned him a place of deserved respect in this Chamber.

It is significant, in the light of his dedicated service to the country in this body, that he should die while in the performance of this service. RUSSELL MACK was a fine man and an able Member of Congress. It was as recent as 3 weeks ago that I had occasion to make excerpts from one of his speeches delivered on the floor of the House in order to explain a matter of some complexity to the people of my district. His guidance and counsel will be missed by those of us who had learned we might rely on his ability, his efforts, and his integrity.

Remarks by Representative Smith

Of Mississippi

Mr. SMITH. Mr. Speaker, the sudden death of RUSSELL MACK has been a great shock to all of us, but it was especially distressing to the members of the Public Works Committee, on which he served as an outstanding leader for many years. We were fellow members of this committee from the beginning of my service in the Congress, and we had many pleasant hours together on inspection trips and committee hearings in all parts of the United States.

RUSSELL MACK was a devoted legislator who made a major contribution to all the important legislation that came before our committee. We often had sharp differences about some of the proposals, but we were able to differ without rancor. It will be difficult indeed to replace him.

Mrs. Smith and I extend our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mack.

Remarks by Representative Robison

Of New York

Mr. ROBISON. Mr. Speaker, it was necessary for me to be in my congressional district on official business last Monday. Therefore, I was spared the personal shock of witnessing, as so many of my colleagues did, the sudden and tragic death of my friend and colleague on the Committee on Public Works, RUSSELL V. MACK. But the shock I experienced on hearing this sad news on Tuesday morning was nonetheless real.

I think this was because RUSS MACK was such a vibrant person, full of the joys of living, drawing strength and vitality from the challenge of the responsibilities he shouldered so well. He was a champion of and a stubborn and dedicated fighter for the things in which he believed. He fought with equal determination and skill against those other things which he believed to be wrong. There were times, during our committee work together, when we disagreed, once rather sharply, but all of us who have ever found him on the other side of our own position, whatever it might be, have respected his boundless integrity, his candor and honesty, and, most of all, the friendly arm he put upon our shoulders after the battle was over.

John Donne wrote, years and years ago—

> Every man is a piece of the continent, a part of the main; if a clod be washed away by the sea, Europe is the less as well as if a promontory were, as well as if a manor of thy friends or if thine own were; any man's death diminishes me.

It is quite true that the work of our committee and of this Congress will go on, as we close ranks together, almost as if nothing had happened. And yet the strength of our Committee on Public Works of this Congress and of this

Nation has been diminished by the loss of a man of the stature of RUSS MACK. He will be sorely missed.

Mr. Speaker, my heartfelt sympathy is extended to Mrs. Mack and to the other members of the family.

Remarks by Representative Rooney

Of New York

Mr. ROONEY. Mr. Speaker, I do not think I was ever as shocked in my life as I was not many minutes ago when our distinguished colleague, the gentleman from Washington, Hon. RUSSELL V. MACK, collapsed and died here in the well of the House. This tragic death should be a warning to all of us who work so hard at our congressional duties that there comes a time when we must slow up. RUSSELL MACK never slowed up since he was first elected to the House of Representatives about a dozen years ago. He was a devoted public servant and the second ranking minority member of the House Public Works Committee. His untimely passing is a great loss to the people of his district, his beloved State of Washington, and the Nation.

I extend my deepest sympathy to his devoted wife in her bereavement.

Remarks by Representative Young

Of Texas

Mr. YOUNG. Mr. Speaker, I want to join my colleagues from the State of Washington and others in paying a brief, but sincere tribute to the memory of our departed colleague and friend, Representative RUSSELL V. MACK, of Washington.

He was a fine gentleman, a genuine representative of his district and his Nation, and a man of great courage in his devotion to the public interest.

He served for many years on the Public Works Committee, where he proved to be at all times broad in his approach, kind in his treatment to those in disagreement with him, and helpful to those of us whose tenure of service on the committee was less than his long and fruitful years of dedicated work on the committee.

He will be greatly missed. In his passing, the Congress of the United States has suffered the loss of one of its Members it could least afford to lose. My deep sympathy goes to his family, to the congressional district he represented so well, to the great State of Washington, and to the Nation.

Remarks by Representative Cramer

Of Florida

Mr. CRAMER. Mr. Speaker, it was my privilege to serve with our deceased colleague, Congressman RUSSELL MACK, for the last 6 years on the Public Works Committee, particularly with regard to his being the ranking minority member on the Flood Control Subcommittee. I had the pleasure of working closely with him and knowing firsthand of his dedication to his job as a Member of Congress. He spent many tireless hours toiling for the people of his district, and was one of the best authorities on flood control matters as well as many other problems before the Public Works Committee and Congress. He was a dedicated public servant, and gave tirelessly of his time and energies, and, typical of that, is the fact that he should spend his last breath in carrying out his congressional duties on the floor of the House.

I remember well the tremendous contribution he made on the floor of the House on many occasions toward better legislation and toward serving all the people. He was a fighter for his point of view, and demonstrated this many times in recent years on the omnibus public works bills, during debate of which he took a most active part.

I also had the privilege of serving under him in the Republican whip organization as the assistant regional whip, he being in charge of the western and southern division, and I can attest to his efforts spent in that important duty. His knowledge, his forthrightness, his ability, will be impossible to replace and the people of the State of Washington and the people of America have lost a great public servant. I have lost a very dear friend, upon whose judgment, and with acknowledgment of his ability, I have on many occasions relied very heavily, and I join in expressions of bereavement to his wife and family.

Remarks by Representative Pelly

Of Washington

Mr. PELLY. Mr. Speaker, we Members of the House of Representatives knew our late colleague, RUSSELL MACK, as a Congressman and servant of the people in the Third Congressional District of Washington. Other persons knew him in other ways. For example, many knew him as a newspaper publisher.

I believe it is fitting, Mr. Speaker, that the eulogy presented by Edwin J. Alexander, publisher of the Olympia News, be included in the permanent Record following the other tributes to our colleague prior to adjournment of the House on March 28 out of respect to his memory.

This eulogy is as follows:

EULOGY FOR CONGRESSMAN RUSSELL V. MACK

(By Edwin J. Alexander, publisher, the Olympia News, funeral services, First Methodist Church, Aberdeen, Wash., April 2, 1960)

"The other day a friend of mine died. Into my throat came a strange dry lump, and to my heart a depressing weight. Something had gone out of my life. I felt a sense of personal loss and sadness." From a booklet written and published by RUSSELL V. MACK in 1946.

Now our noble friend has fallen—pierced by the arrow of death. The places that have known him shall know him no more, but his virtues are written on tablets of love and memory.

RUSSELL V. MACK was truly one of nature's noblemen—a good man, a true friend, and honored citizen.

Many of you here in this church this morning remember RUSSELL as a boy and as a young man and in the years that followed—know full well that he had won his crown in Heaven ere he had reached the middle period of his good life.

From cub reporter to business manager on the Aberdeen Daily World to publisher of the Grays Harbor Daily Washingtonian—from publisher to Congressman—RUSSELL was a constant exemplar of the cardinal principles that constitute the highest order of the brotherhood of man.

RUSSELL was intensely patriotic. He loved his country with great passion and enthusiasm. RUSSELL linked his personal destiny with the destiny of his country and its flag.

RUSSELL was a powerful champion and defender of our American faith and our American way of life. He went back and forth across this district—yes, this State and our Nation—teaching and preaching and practicing the gospel of Americanism and quickening the spirit of American patriotism in the hearts and minds of our people everywhere.

RUSSELL loved his Grays Harbor and these nine counties and our great State of Washington in such a zealous and ardent manner that it verily excited the local pride within all of us to nearly a bursting point.

People liked RUSSELL because RUSSELL liked people. He enjoyed being with his friends, making new friends and meeting strangers. No one was a stranger for long in RUSSELL'S warm and friendly presence.

A great newspaperman, editor, and publisher, many of us in this place this morning knew him as a kindly, considerate and generous employer, counselor, and friend.

As a fraternalist we knew him as one sincerely devoted to the principles of brotherly love and fidelity whose outstretched hands were ever ready to assist those in need.

As a citizen we knew him as a dedicated public servant, a dynamic leader, and honored Member of the U.S. House of Representatives, where his brilliant record of service and devotion to country will stand as a lasting monument and tribute to the true patriot that he was.

RUSSELL died as he would have wanted—standing on the floor of the Congress voting for his beloved country.

Remarks by Representative Tollefson

Of Washington

Mr. TOLLEFSON. Mr. Speaker, the House of Representatives lost one of its most able Members upon the death of Representative RUSSELL V. MACK. His zeal and diligence in serving his district, State, and Nation were not surpassed in Congress. A man of high principle and integrity, he enjoyed the sincere respect of his colleagues. His friends both in and out of Congress were legion. All were shocked at the news of his passing.

RUSSELL MACK was one of my real friends and his death was a personal loss to me. He was most cooperative and helpful in connection with problems that confronted me, and gave generously of his time and advice. That he did the same for his other friends was understood by all. I join with them in expressing grief at the occasion of his passing and in extending deepest sympathy to his devoted wife, Laura.

Mr. Speaker, I wish to include with my statement copies of editorials from the Tacoma News Tribune and the Seattle Times, together with a copy of a resolution adopted by the Seattle Chamber of Commerce:

[From the Seattle (Wash.) Times]

REPRESENTATIVE RUSSELL MACK

RUSSELL MACK was a big man, plain spoken and sincere, who hated redtape and folderol. His favorite campaign tactic was to tour his third district in a door-to-door grassroots appeal. He would walk into a store, his cigar leveled at the world like a cannon, offer a huge hand and say, "I'm RUSSELL MACK, I'm running for Congress and I'd sure appreciate your vote."

In Congress Representative MACK again preferred the direct line of attack. He was an outspoken critic of the import of seafoods from foreign countries. He was equally concerned with programs to encourage the lumbering industry, a mainstay in the economy of his Grays Harbor constituency and the State of Washington.

RUSSELL VERNON MACK

RUSSELL MACK was a firm supporter of bipartisan foreign policy. He also pushed hard for the development of natural resources in this State. He served six terms in Congress, after winning a special election to that office in 1947. He was named Republican whip for the 16 Western States in 1955 and was a member of the Republican Party's 20-man policy board.

The State of Washington and the Third Congressional District have good reason to mourn the loss of this big, bluff man who had a talent for getting things done.

[From the Tacoma (Wash.) News Tribune]

MR. MACK'S DEATH GREAT LOSS

Representative RUSSELL V. MACK was a man who served his country and his southwest Washington congressional district with distinction and with a zeal not surpassed in Congress. His death on the floor of the House of Representatives is a great loss to his district, to our State, and the Nation.

Mr. MACK loved his country and he loved to work for good government. Politics, which is only the science of government, interested him intensely and he entered into his congressional office back in 1947 with a zest that one seldom encounters in public life. He was a strong campaigner and a great fighter, and his district has been helped tremendously by those qualities.

The Congressman was a high-ranking member of the House Public Works Committee, a committee so important to the southwest Washington area because improvement of rivers and harbors is in its domain. He worked tirelessly for improvement of the twin harbors, for rivers, for the Westport fishing base. A strong believer in promoting local industry, he fought the import of Russian crab and Japanese tuna and resisted the shipment of lumber to Japan to be manufactured into finished products. He battled for U.S. salmon fishermen's rights—in fact, RUSSELL MACK was a stalwart defender of American industry and the men who work in the mills, the factories, or with the nets.

He wanted an America that is financially sound and therefore worked in behalf of balanced budgets and against the waste of public funds.

His shoes will be most difficult to fill. It would be wonderful if his district should, in a forthcoming special election, find another man such as he.

MEMORIAL ADDRESSES

"Memorial Tribute to Russell V. Mack

"In recognition of his outstanding contribution to the civic, business, and political development of the State of Washington, and the Pacific Northwest, the Seattle Chamber of Commerce pays tribute to the memory of Russell V. Mack who passed away on the 28th day of March 1960.

"Always he gave willingly and generously of his time, thought, and energy to the welfare and advancement of his State and Nation. The earnestness and leadership he brought to any cause that he espoused and his unselfish devotion to things worth while gives him a lasting place in the memory of all whose privilege it was to know him and to serve with him: Accordingly, it is

"*Resolved*, That the members of the board of trustees of the Seattle Chamber of Commerce adopt this tribute to the memory of Russell V. Mack and, making permanent record of this expression of respect and esteem, convey their sincere and heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family."

Dated this 7th day of April 1960.

Seattle Chamber of Commerce,
Jack Geoffroy, *Secretary*.

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MONDAY, *March 28, 1960*

A message from the House of Representatives, by Mr. Bartlett, one of its reading clerks, communicated to the Senate the intelligence of the death of Hon. RUSSELL V. MACK, late a Representative from the State of Washington, and transmitted the resolutions of the House thereon.

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. President, I ask the Chair to lay before the Senate, resolutions coming over from the House of Representatives.

The Chair laid before the Senate the resolutions of the House of Representatives, which were read, as follows:

HOUSE RESOLUTION 489

In the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.,
March 28, 1960.

Resolved, That the House has heard with profound sorrow of the death of the Honorable RUSSELL V. MACK, a Representative from the State of Washington.

Resolved, That a committee of six Members of the House, with such Members of the Senate as may be joined, be appointed to attend the funeral.

Resolved, That the Sergeant at Arms of the House be authorized and directed to take such steps as may be necessary for carrying out the provisions of these resolutions and that the necessary expenses in connection therewith be paid out of the contingent fund of the House.

Resolved, That the Clerk communicate these resolutions to the Senate and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the House do now adjourn.

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. President, I submit a resolution and ask that it be read, and I ask for its present consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The resolution submitted by the Senator from Washington [Mr. Magnuson] will be read.

The legislative clerk read the resolution (S. Res. 296), as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with profound sorrow the announcement of the death of Hon. RUSSELL V. MACK, late a Representative from the State of Washington.

Resolved, That a committee of two Senators be appointed by the Presiding Officer to join the committee appointed on the part of the House of Representatives to attend the funeral of the deceased Representative.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these resolutions to the House of Representatives and transmit a copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

Resolved, That, at the conclusion of its business today, the Senate, as a further mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The question is on agreeing on the resolution.

The resolution (S. Res. 296) was unanimously agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Pursuant to the second clause of the resolution, the Chair appoints as the committee on the part of the Senate the senior Senator from Washington [Mr. Magnuson] and the junior Senator from Washington [Mr. Jackson].

Mr. WILLIAMS of New Jersey. Mr. President, in accordance with the order previously entered, and as a further mark of respect to the memory of the late distinguished Representative from Washington, RUSSELL V. MACK, I move that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning.

The motion was unanimously agreed to; and (at 7 o'clock and 40 minutes p.m.) the Senate, under order previously entered, adjourned until tomorrow, Tuesday, March 29, 1960, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Remarks by Senator Magnuson

Of Washington

Mr. MAGNUSON. Mr. President, I take the time of the Senate briefly to make an announcement which distresses me greatly. A member of the Washington congressional delegation, Representative RUSSELL V. MACK, just dropped dead on the floor of the House. Representative MACK had served very effectively and ably in the House of Representatives from the State of Washington for many years. I do not know whether he had ever been ill. I do not know exactly what happened. I understand that he suffered a heart attack on the floor of the House.

I had talked with Representative MACK last week, and he appeared to be in good health. He was a valued Member of the House of Representatives, and an esteemed member of the Washington State delegation. I have known RUSSELL MACK for many years. I considered him a very good friend.

I regret this great loss to the State of Washington, and, of course, extend my sympathy to his very fine wife and family. His death comes as a great shock to me and other Members of the House and Senate who knew him.

Remarks by Senator Jackson

Of Washington

Mr. JACKSON. Mr. President, we were all shocked yesterday to learn of the sudden passing on the floor of the House of Representatives of our colleague, RUSSELL V. MACK, Member of Congress from the Third Congressional District of the State of Washington.

It was my privilege to have served in the House with Representative MACK from 1947 to 1952. He was an able Member of the House. During his long service in that body, he followed the resource development program very closely as a senior Republican member of the House Public Works Committee.

Representative MACK was liked by all who knew him. He was an amiable fellow; he had a delightful sense of humor; he enjoyed people.

Mr. President, our State has lost a devoted public servant, and I have lost a personal friend. To his wife, Laura, I extend my deepest sympathy.

Remarks by Senator Bartlett

Of Alaska

Mr. BARTLETT. Mr. President, I join the senior Senator from Washington in expressing deep regret at the untimely death of Representative RUSSELL V. MACK, of the State of Washington. I was glad and proud to count him as a friend. He was a fine man, and a good public servant. We who knew him here will miss him greatly. His district will miss him. The Nation will miss him. He served the Nation well.

My wife and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy, in this hour of sorrow, to Mrs. Mack.

Remarks by Senator Case

Of South Dakota

Mr. CASE. Mr. President, I wish to join at this time in expressing sympathy to Mrs. Mack and others bereaved by the sudden death of RUSSELL MACK.

I had known RUSSELL MACK for many years, first in the House of Representatives, and then as a colleague serving from the House on conference committees between the Public Works Committees of the House and Senate.

RUSSELL MACK's knowledge of the public works field, whether in connection with highways, rivers and harbors, or flood-control projects, was of great value to our country generally, as well as to the State of Washington.

He was eminently fair, considerate, and tolerant of others, and very effective because of his knowledge and because of his sense of public service.

He was a newspaper editor before coming to Washington, and enjoyed a wide acquaintanceship and the respect of others in the newspaper field.

He was a most useful Member of Congress. The State of Washington and the country have lost a great American and a great statesman.

Remarks by Senator Carlson

Of Kansas

Mr. CARLSON. Mr. President, I wish to associate myself with the remarks made by the other Senators on the subject of the untimely death of RUSSELL MACK.

Remarks by Senator Keating

Of New York

Mr. KEATING. Mr. President, I wish to say a word or two about the sudden and tragic death of my friend and former colleague, the distinguished Member of the House of Representatives, RUSSELL V. MACK.

It certainly came as a shock to me to hear of the sudden event which happened yesterday on the floor of the House.

I served with Russ in the House of Representatives. He came to the 80th Congress, in a special election. He was one of my very good friends during all my service in the House. He was always cooperative. He was completely dedicated to the welfare of his constituency and his Nation. He worked tirelessly and very effectively as a member of the House Public Works Committee, with special emphasis on the Federal highway program and rivers and harbors development. He was the Republican whip for the Western States, and in that respect played a vital role in the work of my party in the other body.

We shall always remember RUSS MACK as an able legislator and a fine American. I join with my colleagues in expressing my deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mack and other members of his family.

Remarks by Senator Mundt

Of South Dakota

Mr. MUNDT. Mr. President, I wish to associate myself with the remarks of the distinguished Senator from New York in tribute to RUSS MACK. His death was a tragic surprise to all of us. It occurred during the course of his duties on the floor of the House yesterday. RUSS MACK had a buoyancy about him, and a confidence, and an American conviction which were most commendable. He was an exceedingly useful Member of the House of Representatives.

I have had the pleasure of speaking in the home congressional district of RUSS MACK. I know how greatly he was admired and how deeply he was loved by his own constituency. Mrs. Mundt and I join in extending our condolences to Mrs. Mack, and in expressing the sentiment that America has lost a great crusader for freedom in the tragic passing of RUSS MACK.

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